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TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO

INFO AMCONSUL CIUDAD JUAREZ

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, MX

SUBJECT- EL PASO/CIUDAD JUAREZ TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM

REF: MEXICO 4984; MEXICO 5489; STATE 131441

1. DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO CONSIDER INADVISABLE THE GOM PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A BINATIONAL COMMISSION TO RESOLVE THE EL PASO/CIUDAD JUAREZ TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM WHICH APPEARS TO BE IN THE PROCESS OF RESOLUTION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS WITH SOME GOM INVOLVEMENT. IN THE EVENT THE ISSUE IS ESCALATED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE LEVEL OR IF OTHERWISE IT APPEARS THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED, THE ISSUE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS BEFORE CONSIDERING A SPECIAL BINATIONAL COMMISSION.

2. NAMING OF USG REPRESENTATIVES TO A COMMISSION TO CONSIDER UNIDENTIFIED FUTURE BORDER PROBLEMS WOULD NOT ONLY BE A DIFFICULT CHORE, BUT UNJUSTIFIED UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, OUR EXPERIENCES WITH MEXICO/US BILATERAL COMMISSIONS HAVE NOT BEEN HAPPY ONES.

3. AS FAR AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, IT WAS THE UNLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LATERAL DECISION OF THE GOM TO PROPOSE THE ESTABLISHMENT

OF A BINATIONAL COMMISSION. WE HAVE NO COMMITMENT TO ACCEDE  
TO THIS PROPOSAL AND BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE THAT THE GOM

BE ADVISED OF OUR POSITION EARLY, BEFORE IT NOMINATES  
MEMBERS OR ADVANCES PLANS TO A POINT WHERE IT WOULD BE  
AWKWARD TO RETREAT.

4. THE EMBASSY IS IN THE BEST POSITION TO GAUGE GOM  
INTENTIONS AND SHOULD APPROACH APPROPRIATE GOM OFFICIALS  
ALONG THE LINES OF STATE 131441 IF THIS IS CONSIDERED  
NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE. SISCO

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